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SUBJECT: JAPAN FM ASO'S RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON POSSIBLE
DPRK NUCLEAR TEST

REF: A. STATE 166404

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Classified By: Charg d' Affaires Joseph R. Donovan. Reasons 1.4 (B) (D)
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[1](#)1. (C) On October 5, Charg delivered ref (A) demarche regarding a possible North Korean nuclear test to Foreign Minister Taro Aso. Aso replied that it was important for the UN Security Council to send a message to North Korea "as quickly as possible" in the form of a UNSC Presidential Statement. In order to make North Korea reconsider its decision to test a nuclear weapon, he continued, it must be made clear that if Pyongyang does dare to conduct a test, the United States and other countries are prepared to take Chapter 7 action. The Foreign Minister emphasized that the Japanese government considered a Presidential Statement prior to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's departure for Seoul and Beijing this weekend to be a "very high priority." Aso commented that the DPRK's announcement regarding a nuclear test had been designed to test the U.S.-Japan alliance, as well as Abe's new cabinet.

[1](#)2. (C) The Charg replied that we agreed on the importance of a UNSC Presidential Statement at an early date and had already begun to reach out to UNSC members in this regard. Charg said he would convey Japan's strong desire to have the Presidential Statement issued before Abe's trip to Seoul and Beijing.
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